

Testimony of Walter L. Glomb, Jr.
for H.B. 6620 - AN ACT PROMOTING COMPETITION IN CONTRACTS BETWEEN
HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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My name is Walter Glomb; I live in Vernon, Connecticut; I am a parent of an adult who lives with developmental disabilities in Connecticut; and I serve as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities, a state agency.

I support H.B. 6620 - AN ACT PROMOTING COMPETITION IN CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

Most individuals with developmental disabilities now live in home and community-based settings where they rely on the generic healthcare system for primary care and many specialties. Though the Americans with Disabilities Act should ensure access to healthcare for these individuals, not all healthcare providers provide the necessary accommodations.

Choice of healthcare providers is an essential means by which individuals with developmental disabilities find practices that offer them healthcare in the manner that suits them.

The consolidation of the healthcare industry, where 80% of primary care providers are now owned by a few large corporations, threatens to limit the choices available to individuals who live with developmental disabilities. Without sensible regulations that promote competition, these individuals may be unable to find the healthcare that they need.